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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Antoni BANAS et al.

Box Non-fee Amendment

Serial No. (unknown)

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Examiner

USE OF A CLASS OF ENZYMES AND THEIR  
ENCODING GENES TO INCREASE THE OIL  
CONTENT IN TRANSGENIC ORGANISMS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before line 1, insert the following paragraph:

--This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/164,859, filed November 12, 1999." should appear as the first sentence of the description.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 3, line 1, change "claims 1 or 2" to  
--claim 1--.

Claim 4, line 1, change "claims 1, 2 or 3" to  
--claim 1--.